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FOR TARNOFF FROM WISNER

1. THE SECRETARY HAS READ THE ACCOUNT OF THE BRIEFING OF THE GREEK GOVERNMENT. HE ASKS THAT WE TASK IMMEDIATELY AN ANALYSIS OF THE KISSINGER BITASIOS LETTER WITH A RECOMMENDATION AS TO WHETHER WE CAN RECONFIRM THE LETTER. GIVEN THE FACT THAT THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE TURKISH PACKAGE WILL BE MADE ON APRIL 4, HE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING THE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. THE SECRETARY WILL MEET THIS AFTERNOON AT FIVE WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF BOTSWANA, ZAMBIA, THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER AND SALIM OF TANZANIA. YOU MIGHT PASS THIS ON TO AF.

3. THE PRESIDENT HAS AGREED TO SEE GENSCHER. I HAVE SPOKEN TO TIM KRAFT AND TOLD HIM THIS. TIM IS WAITING FOR A CALL FROM FRAN VOORDE BEFORE HE CONFIRMS.

4. HAL SAUNDERS SENT US A BRIEF ACCOUNT ABOUT SAVAK AND THE ICIC AT PAT DERIAN'S REQUEST. YOU MIGHT TELL HAL THE SECRETARY SAW IT BUT DID NOT COMMENT.

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5. MR. VANCE HAS REFLECTED FURTHER ON THE TIMING OF THE ERW ANNOUNCEMENT. HE AGREES THAT IT SHOULD FOLLOW GENSCHER'S MEETINGS WITH HIM AND THE PRESIDENT ON TUESDAY. HE WAS MOVED TO DELAY IN VIEW OF THE CHANCELLOR'S WISH THAT THE ANNOUNCEMENT NOT BE MADE UNTIL THE GENSCHER VISIT WAS OVER. HIS PARTING SHOT ON THIS WAS "I DON'T KNOW WHY EVERYONE IN WASHINGTON

IS PANICKING TO RUSH THE ANNOUNCEMENT OUT."

6. WITH REFERENCE TO STATE'S 083356 (TOSEC 030139),
PLEASE TELL LES GELB THAT THE SECRETARY MENTIONED THE
ASAT TALKS IN GENERAL TERMS TO THE PRESS POOL. HE DOUBTED,
HOWEVER, THAT THEY WERE GOING TO RUN A STORY.

7. ATMOSPHERICS: IT IS WARM IN LAGOS, AND VERY HUMID.
MR. VANCE BECAME PERSONALLY INVOLVED IN THE WEATHER
PROBLEM WHEN THE ROOF IN HIS BEDROOM SUDDENTLY BURST
LAST NIGHT AND ISSUED FORTH A TORRENT OF CONDENSED
HUMIDITY. HE WAS LAST SEEN BY ARTHUR TRYING TO PLACE
PAIS UNDER THE DOWNPOUR AND WONDERING HOW HE WOULD
ENDURE THE NOISE THROUGH THE NIGHT.

8. ELVA ASKED THE DRIVER TO TAKE HER TO THE EMBASSY. SHE
AND TRUDY WERNER WERE THEN ENGAGED IN A HEATED ARGUMENT WITH
THE DIRECTOR. ELVA DEMANDED THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNSELOR,
THE DIRECTOR STARED WISTFULLY AT THE COLLECTED GARBAGE ON
HIS LAWN AND SAID "BUT YOU DON'T HAVE AN APPOINTMENT."

9. THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE IN LAGOS HAS GONE OFF LIKE
CLOCKWORK. BEHIND THE SCENES, HOWEVER, ARE FAILING
GENERATORS, BURNED OUT TYPEWRITERS, BROKEN DOWN
TELEPHONES, AND A SORELY FRUSTRATED PRESS. CHARLIE DIGGS
IS EVERYWHERE, LOSING NO OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO THE PRESS.

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